


### REMARKS

Claim 46 has been amended to delete the phrase "wherein there is no reduction of noble metal ions". Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claim 46 now meets the requirements of Section 112.

In addition, claim 55 has been amended in the manner suggested by the Examiner.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned if there are informalities that can be resolved in a phone conversation, or if the Examiner has any amendments, ideas or suggestions for placing this application in condition for allowance.

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